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CAVALIERS. As part of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's observation of Black History Month, the local members of the Cavalier's Athletic Association displayed photos and clippings from earlier years in Southwest. In their blue Cavalier jackets are (left to right): Bernard Ross, Howard Stone, Charles Bank, Carl Greenwood, Herb Holmes.

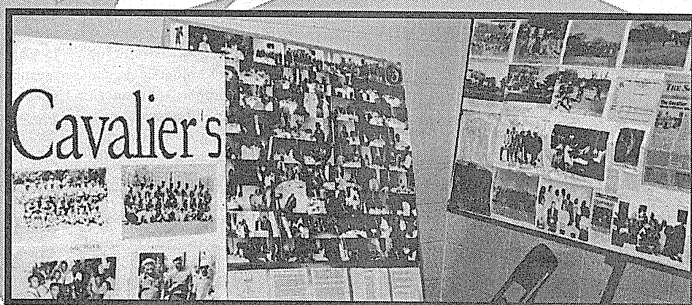


Photo Display. The Cavalier's "Old Times in Southwest" photo display

SWNA's February Meeting - Building Legends in the Southwest

This was a wonderful opportunity to learn about Black History as it relates to our community. Ms. Roberta Patrick spoke about SWCH and its start as the Mother and Child Center in 1901 with Anna Cooper as supervisor and Mary Church Terrell as a board member. She shared with us an article about Bowen School, named after Anthony Bowen who founded the first YMCA for Blacks. Dr. John Syphax, a direct descendent of William Syphax, spoke about his famous ancestor: Randall Junior High School was a school for African-Americans during segregation. It was named after a



white woman, Elizabeth Randall, who wanted to work for oppressed Blacks in the South. They did not want her down there, so she came to DC and opened the school of her dreams in 1862 and served as its principal from 1867 to 1874. When Randall was built, it was named for her.

A special thanks goes to Herbert Holmes



and all the Cavaliers, a group composed of "old time" Southwesterners who get together and do so much for the community from mentoring boys without fathers at-home to tutoring youths to helping the Boys & Girls Club. They provided us with photos from their archives showing a Southwest that is no more. Ethel James Williams told us about the person who bore the name Wiley Branton, for whom the CDC here in Southwest is named. Mr. Branton was a civil rights lawyer during that important time in history.

Former council member and current
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The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Meeting will be held on Monday, March 29, 1999 at St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M Sts., at 7:30 pm. It will be a three-part meeting. The main speaker will be Council member Jack Evans, who will give us an update on "What is Happening in Southwest"; next there will be the installation of the new officers and district reps and, lastly, the reports by the task force chairs.

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Cherry Blossom Odyssey Cruise Sold Out

The Cherry Blossom Festival's luncheon cruise on Thursday, April 8, aboard the Odyssey from Water Street SW, has been sold out. Part of the \$45 ticket price is being donated to the scholarship fund of the festival.

Distinguished guests on board that afternoon will include the Mayor of Hiroasaki City and that city's cherry blossom queen, the Japanese queen of flowering dogwoods, and the Good Will Ambassadors of the festival.

Other cherry blossom stories
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SWNA Elections are on Saturday, March 27

All residents of southwest who are over 18 can vote for officers and board members of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc. on Saturday March 27 between 10 am and 5 pm. Voting will be at a table with ballots, maps and volunteers, located outside the Waterside Mall Safeway, 401 M St., S.W. No advance registration is necessary.

The person responsible for getting the candidates to run and collecting bios for the Southwester was Thelma Jones. The co-chairs of the Election Committee are Beth Paulson and Dale MacIver. They will make all the arrangements for the election.

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Summer Employment for DC Youth

by Emma P. Ward

It's that time again - to register for summer youth employment. Youth between the ages of 14 and 21 can apply at the D.C. Employment Office at 500 C Street, NW, until March 26, 1999. Hours for registration are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and on Wednesdays from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm. You must bring the following documentation: birth certificate, social security card, proof of family income, and proof of D.C. residency. High school students who go to the Employment Office during school hours must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or relative who is 18 years or older.

Youth between the ages of 16 and 21 are

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Southwest Community Calendar

March is Women's History Month

March 1999 - April 1999

March 20	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10am Southwest Branch Library Wesley Place and K Street, SW
March 24	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library
March 25	Thursday	Club #4 Awards Night 6 pm Bowen School, 101 M St. S.W. 727-4618. Free. Parents invited.
March 25	Thursday	NARFE DC Chapter 2052 1:30 pm Southwest Branch Library
March 27	Saturday	Southwest Waterfront Cleanup 9-12 noon 6th & Water St. to Fish Wharf. Bring your work gloves. 554-2487.
March 27	Saturday	SWNA Elections 10 am - 5:00 pm outside of Safeway, 401 M St., SW
March 29	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Public Annual Meeting, 7:30 pm St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St., SW
March 30	Tuesday	Cherry Tree planting at Spirit of Washington, 6th and Water St. S.W. 9:30 am 347-7201. Waterfront Metro.
April 3	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10am Southwest Branch Library
April 5	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Executive Board, 7pm SWNA Office Waterside Mall 401 M Street, SW 1 (Eye) St. Side
April 6	Tuesday	First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council 7:00 pm First District Police Headquarters, 415 Fourth St., SW
April 8	Thursday	Southwest Chamber Players Cherry Blossom Concert, 7:30 pm St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW
Apr. 10	Saturday	Parade of Lighted Boats - Along S.W. Waterfront. 554-5160 8 pm Waterfront or L'Enfant Plaza Metro.
April 12	Monday	Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D 7:30 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church 400 Eye St., SW
April 14	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library
April 17	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10:00am Southwest Branch Library
April 21	Wednesday	AARP SW Waterfront Chapter #4761 Noon St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 222 M St., SW
April 21	Wednesday	PSA 107/PSA 110 MPD Community Meeting 7:00 pm Southeastern University Gym 501 Eye St., SW
April 22	Thursday	NARFE DC Chapter 2052 1:30 pm Southwest Branch Library

(Please submit calendar items by the 7th of each month to C.W. Hargrave (202) 554-8284.)

Notary's "Special Honoree" of the Year

Notary Thelma Jones has been named one of four "Special Honorees" in the country in the National Notary Association's "Notary of the Year" awards program. The NNA is an educational organization serving the 4.3 million Notaries of the United States. All honorees will be feted at the NNA's 21st annual national conference June 9-12 in Denver, Colorado. The Association usually selects a "Notary of the Year" and four "Special Honorees", distinguished for their excellence in one or more of the following areas: unusual dedication and conscientious in executing notarial acts; making notarial services available to the less fortunate; conforming to high ethical standards; and working for needed reform.

Jones has frequently used her position as a Notary Public in conjunction with her extensive activities as a volunteer in the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, SWNA. She swears in officers, helps to authenticate the counting of votes in elections and also provides accessible notarial



services for elderly neighbors and students needing assistance with documents relating to school or a job application. She has also organized tutoring and recreational programs for young people in the community. If you need notarial assistance, call her at 488-3746 (leave a message). Our "Hats are off to Thelma Jones." ■

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CORRECTION

Jean Goolby,
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Chapter 4751 was in the group
picture in the February South-
wester, but her name was miss-
ing. Our apologies.



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Drop off your stories on diskette with photos by Wednesday, March 31, in the box behind the counter at the SW Library, 3rd & I SW. E-mail text to: carjim@erols.com
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The objective of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, a.k.a. SWNA is: to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest; to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon of modern urban living; to help create rich and equal social, educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for every adult resident and to promote development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.

Parade of Lighted Boats To Salute Cherry Blossoms

A parade of lighted boats - familiar to Southwest residents at Christmas time - will be held during the Cherry Blossom Festival this year. At 8 pm Saturday evening, April 10, boats from the Capital Yacht Club, Gangplank and James Creek Marinas in Southwest and other yacht clubs along the Potomac River will parade up and down the Southwest waterfront.

Best viewing will be from the restaurants, Haines Point, and along the waterfront from Fr. McNair to the Fish Wharf.

Twelfth Cherry Tree To Bloom On Water Street, S.W.

A twelfth cherry tree will be planted Tuesday, March 30, to add to the eleven planted in front of the Spirit of Washington office at 6th St. S.W. and Water St. S.W. in past years, all of which should be blooming by then.

All Nippon Airways will sponsor the cherry tree planting at 9:30 am that Tuesday, which is D.C. Day in the festival. The public is invited.

The 1999 festival opens on Sunday, March 28, with a 2 pm program at the outdoor Sylvan Theatre on the National Mall between 15th St. S.W. and the Washington Monument. The Federal Triangle Metro stop is about 4 blocks away.

S.W. Chamber Players Set Cherry Blossom Concert

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, the S.W. Chamber Players will present a concert at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and M St. S.W., as a local contribution to the Cherry Blossom Festival.

James Creek Resident Council

Congrats are due to the James Creek Resident Council who successfully applied to the D.C. government for a grant to establish a homeownership counseling agency. James Creek was awarded the grant and now they are hard at work developing a non-profit agency which aims to encourage home ownership by low and moderate income residents in the District.

This is an exciting development and will increase the opportunities of lower income and public housing residents to take control of their neighborhoods and have an equity stake in this city.

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Grand Opening (balloons & all) - William Brown, left, and Eric Evans are the new manager and owner, respectively, of the "Washington VIDEO" store in the Waterside Mall at 401 M St. S.W.



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Community of River Park Friends

River Park Friends will hold an open community meeting at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, in the meeting room of River Park Mutual Homes.

River Park Friends was established and received tax-exempt status during 1998. The purpose of River Park Friends is to enhance, promote, support, and supplement charitable, community development, and educational activities in Southwest Washington, D.C. Examples include home health care, home-maker and shopping services, projects to enhance the neighborhood's physical environment, beauty and public safety.

Educational activities will include scholarships for deserving youth, education and information about the cooperative housing movement, and studies about the history of Southwest Washington. River Park Friends is a private, non-profit independent organization, not affiliated with River Park Mutual Homes. It will not conduct its own program, but will provide funds to supplement ongoing

activities.

At the March 24 meeting, the Board of River Park Friends will report on its initial fund drive; founding members will discuss the status of the accounts, projects supported, and plans to establish an active Advisory committee, and will invite ideas from the community regarding important activities that might be supported.

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Culinary Quest

Zanzibar Restaurant

By Grace Wright

Something new for the Southwester readers! From time to time you will find in this column restaurant reviews, interviews with local chefs (I have found one who is willing to share with readers some of his own special recipes) and news about food and restaurants in general in our own Southwest area.

Readers will be supplied with tips on food, services, prices and ambience offered by our local eating establishments. This month we have a very exciting restaurant preview.

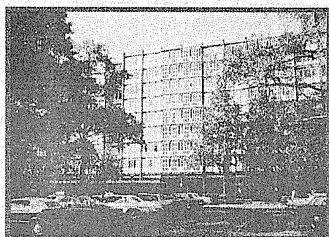
The Zanzibar will be opening in early April on restaurant row on the waterfront in the building formerly occupied by Fox-trappe. Just look for the Zanzibar sign on the roof. Talk about changes! The new windows give waterfront views that were previously missing. The tropical décor, complete with waterfalls and palm trees will transport the diner to an exotic paradise.

The international cuisine will feature dishes from the Caribbean, South America and Africa. Master Chef, Roger William Wiles has served as Executive Chef at 5-star resorts in Jamaica, Antigua, the Bahamas and London. He has appeared on the Discovery Channel - "Great Chefs of the World - Caribbean", and also on the Food Network Channel. He has served as Executive Chef at government meetings catering to half the world leaders. His award and distinctions are outstanding.

For the owners, Zanzibar represents a massive investment with artistic taste. A very positive note is that the owners plan to be on site themselves managing the restaurant. There will be entertainment in the form of international jazz to help give Zanzibar what the owners like to call a feeling of "the U.N. of Culture." It sounds good, looks good. We wish them success.

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Between Palm Sunday & Easter at WPC: Ysaye Barnwell to Good Friday Blues

400 I STREET, S.W.--The 1999 Holy Week events at Westminster Presbyterian Church reflect the diversity of the congregation and the SW community and celebrate that all of us are God's children.

The week begins with "Walking the Way of the Cross" on Palm Sunday, March 28. The 11:00 a.m. service is a unique experience of personal meditation at selected stations in and outside of the church including prayers and anointing for healing and wholeness.

On Tuesday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m., Dr. Ysaye Barnwell, master teacher and member of the internationally acclaimed quintet, Sweet Honey in the Rock, will lead her two-hour workshop, "Building a Vocal Community: Singing in the African American Tradition." Admission is \$5. Come early as seating is limited.

On Wednesday at 7:15, the twice weekly Body & Soul Exercise Class continues with Yummy Tyler (\$4 per session).

Maundy Thursday, April 1, will be remembered with a traditional Seder at 6 p.m. led by Jewish friends of the congregation. Reservations required.

The regular Friday Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m., will be a down home blues show for Good Friday, April 2, featuring the Big Bad Saxman Band, Jacques Johnson and that red hot blues singing lady, Marjorie Clarke. Admission \$5. Food is also for sale. If you haven't been to Jazz Night, you've got to try it!

The Celebration of the Resurrection will take place on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. Co-Pastors Brian & Ruth Hamilton will lead a service filled with Good News and the joyful sounds of piano and organ, trumpeter Columbus Williams (Duke Ellington student) and soprano Winona Stanback. Communion will be shared. All are welcome!

Westminster Presbyterian Church~400 I Street, SW DC
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Candidates for March 27 SWNA Elections

At the election in March, officers will be voted upon at large, while district representatives will be voted upon by the residents of that specific District. Each District has three representatives with the exception of District 1 which has two. Candidates for district reps must live within the district which they hope to represent.

Following is a breakdown of the districts for voting purposes. Sorry, no absentee ballots, you must be there in person to vote.

Candidate for President

Rev. George E. Holmes - Resident of S.W. since 1995. Former ANCD02 member and chairperson. Special education teacher at Orr Elementary School. Ran for School Board in 1998. Minister McKendree United Methodist Church. Pursuing Ph.D. at Howard University's School of Divinity. Graduate of Southern University (Baton Rouge, LA); Masters of Divinity, Howard University. Platform speaker for the Million Man March. Featured in Ebony Magazine for "30 Young Leaders of Tomorrow" and Jet Magazine for Distinguished Howard University Student.

Effective at bringing people together to achieve a common goal.

Candidate for First Vice President

Davelene ("Davie") Renshaw - SW resident/homeowner since 1988. Owns unit in Riverside; lives in Tiber Island. Retired from HUD 1995. Served on SWNA Board, District 3 Member, 1997 to present. Served on Waterside Mall/Waterfront Task Force Fund Raising Committee, ULI Spirit Ship Community Reception and Mall office clean-up.

Member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 4th Street Neighborhood Group, Waterside Garden Club. Chair of Tiber Island's Landscape Committee.

Candidate for 2nd Vice President

Dr. Margaret Feldman - is a retired professor from Upstate N.Y. and has lived in Southwest since 1987. In 1988 she organized a 25th Anniversary Celebration for River Park. In 1989 she was elected President of the SW Neighborhood Assembly and served for three years. Since that time she has remained active in SWNA affairs and other Southwest activities, as a Board member and working with other community groups. In 1997 she organized the SW Waterside Mall/ Waterfront Task Force as part of SWNA, which finally resulted in the ULI Study. In 1998 she was again elected President of the SW Neighborhood Assembly. For the next year, she would like to be the 2nd Vice President and continue her work in the neighborhood. She has accepted membership on the Boards of the SW

DC Health Clinic on Delaware Ave. and the new Coalition for Homeownership which is being formed.

Candidate for Secretary

Jean ("Jeannie") Macdonald - Southwest resident for 25 years. Retired DCPS reading teacher. Member of Emeritus Teachers Foundation. Volunteer at Webb Elementary School Library. Secretary of S.W. Youth Activities Task Force and S.W. Assembly. Former SWNA treasurer.

Candidate for Treasurer

Ellen Winship - Residence: Carrollsburg Condominium, 1983-Present. Professional Experience: Senior Accountant and financial policy, OPM; formerly Director, Financial Management, Bureau of Export Administration. Non-profit: Vice President, Carrollsburg Board of Directors; Past Treasurer, American Association of Foreign Service Women. Education: BS, Columbia University; BS, American University. MBPA, GW University; MBPA, MSA, MTA Southeastern University.

Candidate for District 1

Mary Ann Bailer - (statement not submitted)

Christine Handy - Principal of Techworld Public Charter School in Southwest. Resident of Waterside Towers. Member of Board of Directors for Old Dominion University Alumni Association and Lake Princess Anne Condominium Association (Virginia Beach, VA). Owner, Imanjah Productions, a theater company. Former public school teacher and track coach (Norfolk, VA).

Marilyn Killingham - (statement not submitted)

Perry Klein - Resident of Town Square Towers Condominium in Southwest since 1971, where he has served on the board of directors and as vice president. For the past year he has served on the SWNA Board and most recently has been helping develop Internet Web pages for SWNA and Southwest D.C.

Ahmad Nurridin - Resident of The Commons. Southwest resident for the past 7 years. Employed as an educational program specialist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), presently on detail to the

District 1

North of M Street and west of 4th Street. Including: The Marina, Marina View Towers (1100 & 1000-6th), Waterside Towers (901,905 & 907- 6th & the townhouses), Town Square Towers (700-7th) and townhouses, and the Commons.

District 2

North of M Street and east of 4th to South Capital Street. Including: 1001 and 1101 3rd Street, 800-4th Street, Capitol Park townhouses, 301 G Street, 101-103 G Streets, 201 Eye Street and Greenleaf Annex (north of M Street)

District 3

South of M Street and west of Delaware Avenue and Canal Street and south to the Anacostia River. Including: Harbour Square, Tiber Island, Edgewater, Riverside, Channel Square, River Park apartment and townhouses, Carrollsburg, 300 and 240 M and 1250 - 4th Street and townhouses and St. James.

District 4

District 4 South of M Street and east of Delaware Avenue and Canal Street. Including: Greenleaf (201 and 203 N), Greenleaf Senior Citizens Home, 1200 Delaware Avenue, James Creek, Syphax Gardens, Tel-Court and townhouses on Carrollsburg Place, Half Street, O, P, and Q Streets.

National Science Foundation. Member of the Waterside Mall Task Force. Former PTA president at Cardozo, Banneker, and School Without Walls High Schools.

Candidate for District 2

Terry Douglas - (statement not submitted)

Joseph Foote - After 35 years here, I am more confident than ever that Southwest has a bright future. I will work for opportunity and quality of life for all Southwesters. I'm a writer, serve on the board of Capital Park IV Condominium, and am a graduate of Williams College and the Harvard Law School. Currently District 2 Member, SWNA Board.

Jacquelyn "Jackie" M. Matthews - Resident of Southwest for 24 years. Volunteer at Jenny's Chinese Restaurant. Former supervisor of General Maintenance Services. Active member of Friendship Baptist Church in Southwest.

Candidate for District 3

Lonnie Murray - Harbour Square resident and homeowner for 26 years. Former SWNA treasurer for six years. Former seven-year member of Harbour Square Board. Currently member, SWNA Board.

Candidates for District 4

Gloria Hamilton - Resident of Southwest for over 13 years. Vice President of Syphax Gardens Residents Council. Active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Member of Southwest Community House Board of Directors. Former ANC Commissioner.

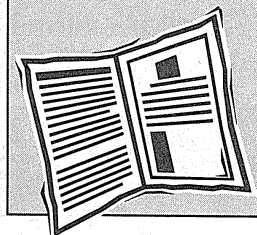
Herbert R. Holmes - Longtime resident of SW. Graduate of Cardozo High School.

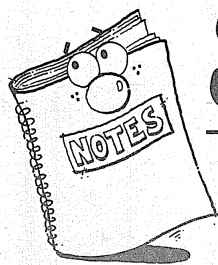
Attended NC Central University (Durham, NC). Former two-year member of Friends of the District's Juvenile Court. Recreation Specialist for DC Department of Recreation for 30 years. Retired 1992. Active member of SW Cavaliers and South Capitol Civic Association. Former volunteer with Mayor Walter Washington Youth Program. Currently District 4 Member, SWNA Board.

Patricia Pressley - Native Washingtonian and graduate of Dunbar High School. Holds Nursing Assistant Certificate from GW University Hospital. Recognized for four-year volunteer service at the American Red Cross. Former Information Receptionist/Staff Coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services for five years. Currently secretary for the Resident Council Tenant Association of Syphax Gardens.

Beth Paulson will be in charge of the election and Mary Kay Tobin and Thelma Jones will count the votes. ■

Don't forget to read the election results in the next issue of the *Southwester*.





School News

Amidon Elementary School's News of the Month

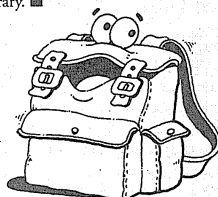
Congratulations to: Darius Hunter a Kindergarten student in Ms. McEwan's class, who won 2nd Place in the poster contest sponsored by The Office of Parent Affairs. Ashley Cook in Mrs. Anderson's 6th grade class who was recognized for her outstanding poster in a contest sponsored by the Lions Club International District 22-C. She was awarded a dinner at a restaurant in Chevy Chase, Maryland and a certificate. Zandra Smith, in Ms. Margarum's 3rd grade class wrote a winning essay - "Why My Teacher Is the Good News in Education." She received \$30.00 cash and she got to read her essay over the air on 1450 AM. Mrs. Carpenter continues to get Amidon students involved in contests. Mrs. Anderson's 6th graders have been participating in "Shakespeare Steps Out", a program offered by the Folger Shakespeare Library. The students have learned a lot about Elizabethan customs and music. Their favorite part was sword fighting. ■



Donna Shalala At Bowen School

H.H.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services read from "The White House Mouse" with a student at Bowen Elementary School as a volunteer in the Everybody Wins reading program.

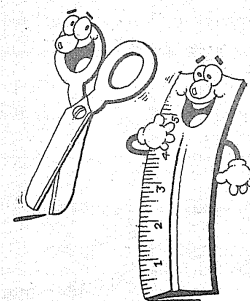
More than two dozen adults come to the school each day for one-on-one reading with a child. Almost 200 adults - mostly from EPA in Southwest and from Secretary Shalala's Department of HHS (also located in Southwest)—visit Bowen as part of this program. Files are kept on each student's reading progress. Books read are donated to the school library. ■



Open House at Bowen

Anthony Bowen Elementary School, at 101 M St. S.W. held its Annual Mathematics, Science & Technology Fair on March 18 and 19. This year's categories were: Behavioral science, Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Computers, Earth and Space Sciences, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, Medicine and Health, Microbiology, Physics, and Zoology.

An Open House was held all day Friday, March 19, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. ■



Club #4 Goes to Florida

Again this year a basketball team of local youth will compete against teams from other big cities in a national tournament. From April 5 to 12 the team from Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club #4 at Bowen School will travel to Ft. Myer, Florida for the competition. ■

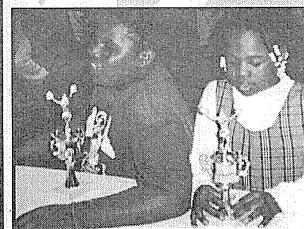
Longtime Southwest resident, **Willie Lloyd Reeves** has been made Assistant Principal of **Jefferson Junior High School**. We know that you'll do a great job.

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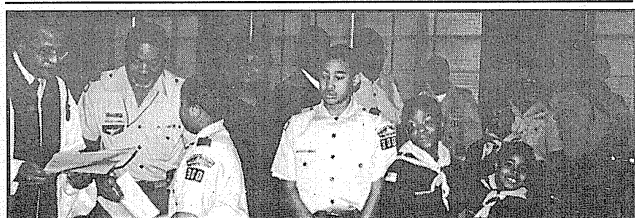
encouraged to request placements in the private sector. College students who are away can apply when they arrive home. In addition to the above required documentation, they will need proof of attendance at college. Private sector and college student applicants will also need a resume.

If you have further questions, please call the Youth Employment Office between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm at 724-7301. ■

Club #4 Awards Night Thurs. March 25



Parents attending last year's Club #4 awards night. Youngsters show off their trophies.



Pastor Franklin of 2nd Baptist Church, with Scoutmaster Lucas and other members and leaders of Scout Troop 300.

Cesar Chavez Charter School will be celebrating the birthday of its namesake on March 25th.



Part of the choir being formed by Cesar Chavez Public Charter School is seen before practicing at Riverside Baptist Church. At the right is choir director **Countess Clarke**.

Parents are urged to attend the annual awards night at Club #4 to cheer our neighborhood youth as they receive their trophies. It starts at 6 pm, Thursday, March 25,

in the club facility at Bowen School, Delaware Ave., & M St. S.W. A light supper will be served. Reservations are not necessary. Dress is informal. Team members must be there to get their awards. ■

A Youth Planning Group Is Born!!

By Beryl Rice, YATF



Thirty people representing twelve agencies, came together Thursday, March 4th, 1999 to discuss youth services in our community. Initiated by the Youth Task Force of SWNA, the goal was twofold: to see what resources are available for expansion of services for youth in the Southwest and to determine a plan of action which could result in more comprehensive and coordinated services.

After a very lively discussion of the existing resources and programs and information about the untapped resources such as the Commission on the Arts, and the DC Agenda's Initiatives for Youth, a series of actions were outlined and committees formed to carry out assigned tasks.

- Gather more specific facts about the composition of our youth population in the Southwest.
- Inventory the types of activities, classes (e.g. computer) available for programs.
- Locate potential space for expansion of activities like the boys and girls club!

Committee reports are anticipated at the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 6th, 1999 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm and hosted by Link and Learn's Joy Majied.

Participants in this exciting meeting, chaired by Delmar Weathers, of YATF, were from the following agencies: Link and Learn, St. Dominic's Church, Greenleaf Recreation Center and the Department of Recreation, Police Boys and Girls Headquarters Office and their Local Club 4 for Boys and Girls, SW Community House, Syphax Residents Council, St. Vincent De Paul Church, Southwest Library, the DC Commission of the Arts, Wooby's Art Center, Jefferson Junior High School and SWNA and YATF. Call (202) 554-8560 for further information. ■

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chairman of the African-American Civil War Memorial, Frank Smith, told of his days as a freedom fighter in the Civil Rights Movement. Police brutality and teargas were but two of the obstacles. He invites everyone to visit the Civil War Memorial at 10th & U St.

Lastly, we owe so much to Thelma Jones who brought SWNA its first Black History Celebration many years ago, when she was president. Each year thereafter, she has spearheaded this event. This year she helped to plan the program & served as Mistress of Ceremony. An evening like this makes all of us so very much more aware of the contributions of African-Americans to our community. ■

Police Awards Banquet Friday, April 30 at MCI Center, \$30

At the Velocity Grill on the second floor of the MCI Arena at 601 "F" St. N.W. (6th St. entrance) the annual awards banquet for the First District MPD will be held on Friday, April 30, at 7 pm. Buffet dinner starts at 7:30.

Tickets cost \$30 each and can be purchased up until April 27 at the First District headquarters at 4th and E St. S.W. (727-4655), with either cash or a certified check. You can choose filet mignon or grilled salmon. Semi-formal dress (tie).

Awards are given to police officers of the First District - which includes near Southwest - who have performed outstanding service. ■

RICHARD BAUER 1939 - 1999

The death of Richard Bauer on March 1, has created a void in our Southwest neighborhood that will not easily be filled.



Richard was a splendid actor who was a part of the Arena Stage acting company for many years. The respect and affection audiences held for Richard was evidenced by the fact that applause frequently greeted his appearance on stage - even before he spoke a line. But he and his family were also Southwest residents who were very much part of our community. I interviewed Richard in 1998 for a *Southwest* article. I asked him at that time if he objected to being recognized in the neighborhood. His reply caused me to end that article as follows: "Next time you are in Safeway and wonder, 'Who is that guy?', it's probably Richard. You can speak to him. He's always glad to know his neighbors. He is one of us." He was indeed one of us - and he will be missed.

Richard's funeral Mass was at St. Dominic's Catholic Church on Friday, March 5. At the end of the Mass, everyone broke into a wonderful applause for Richard which lasted for at least three curtain calls - a wonderful tribute to a wonderful guy. ■

Oak & Ivy

The current production at Arena Stage, "Oak and Ivy", is a treat for the eye, the mind, and the spirit. The story of Paul Laurence Dunbar and his wife Alice Ruth Moore is a touching, moving, and involving drama. The production is beautiful to look at - costumes, settings and lighting all contribute to the attractiveness and appeal of the play.

And there are any number of topics that engage the mind and cause you to consider such issues as racism, feminism, and the role of the writer and poet in our society - especially the struggles of the creative African American artist in a culture that devalues him. But when the show is over and the portraits of the two poets are projected on stage, there is a feeling of optimism and hope - and that the legacy of these two gifted writers has lifted our spirits. ■

Heartbreak House

The Washington Stage Guild is practically a neighborhood theater for Southwest residents. It's located at 924 G Street, NW, opposite the Martin Luther King Library, with easy access from Gallery Place Metro Station (9th Street exit). The current production is George Bernard Shaw's "Heartbreak House." And the show is a marvelous evening of witty dialogue that is funny and yet has depth and relevance for current issues and events.

The simplicity of the production gives emphasis to the dialogue and makes Shaw's caustic comments surface and come to life. You should give Stage Guild a chance to win you over. And you will be won. The next play scheduled is the comedy "Olympia" by the

Hungarian playwright Ferenc Molnar, April 21 through May 23. For information call 202-529-2084. ■



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The Southwester

Police Report

By Lt. Darric Milligan

I want to thank all of the citizens of Southwest for the hospitality and kindness you have expressed to me since my arrival to the First District January 30, 1999. As was reported in the Southwester last month I am assigned to Patrol Service Area (PSA) 110. There is good news to share with the community. For the month of February crime in PSA 110 was down 20.4 percent. The only increase is theft from autos.

The crime tip for this month addresses the issue of theft from autos. The primary cause for this kind of theft is leaving valuables visible. It is a good idea to

remove all valuables from vehicles whenever they are parked. It is important to remove valuable items: portable phones, purses, coins, shopping bags etc. Covering items with blankets or clothing will entice the curious and tempt opportunistic criminals.

Working together we can continue to reduce crime in and around Southwest. The officers of PSA 110 deserve thanks for their diligence and hard work. I can be reached on (202) 727-4610 or by email LTMILL110@AOL.COM. ■

Cop-of-the-Month Award



First District MPD Commander Kim Dine, left, and Officer Wes Henry of the Canine Division, answer questions at the Citizens Advisory Council meeting. Officer Henry, who has 28 1/2 years with the department, reported that several of the 25 canine corps dogs in D.C. are cross-trained to sniff out over a dozen different drugs.

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Churches

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

Holy Week at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and M St SW

Mar. 31 Holy Wednesday - Prayer at 7:30 am, noon, and 6:30 pm

Apr. 1 Maundy Thursday - Eucharist, Striking of the Altar - 7 pm

Apr. 2 Good Friday The Great Vigil noon to 3 pm

Apr. 3 Easter Eve - Holy Eucharist - 10:30 pm

Apr. 4 Easter Sunday - Holy Eucharist 8 am and 11 am Easter Egg Hunt - 12:15 pm

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

Holy Week at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church 222 M St SW

Mar. 28 Palm Sunday - 11 am service

Apr. 1 Maundy Thursday - 7:30 pm service

Apr. 2 Good Friday - 7:30 pm service

Apr. 4 Easter Sunday - 11 am service

Second Baptist Church

Sunday Church School will have an Easter Program at 9:30 am on Sunday, April 4
Holy Week at St. Dominic's Catholic Church - 6th & E. St. S.W.

Apr. 1 Holy Thursday - 7:30 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Apr. 2 Good Friday - noon, Stations of the Cross; 3 pm Solemn Liturgical Service with Holy Communion

Apr. 3 Easter Vigil - Saturday - 8 pm

Apr. 4 Easter Sunday - Sunday masses, 8 am, 9:30 am, 10:45 am (Spanish); 12:15 pm, 5:15 pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Holy Week at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St. S.W.

Mar. 28 Palm Sunday - 11 am - "Walking the Way of the Cross", including distribution of palm buds.

Mar. 30 Holy Tuesday - 7 pm - Ysaye Barnwell of "Sweet Honey in the Rock" leading "Praying Through Gospel Music" - admission \$5.

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 1, 6:30 pm - A traditional Passover Seder led by Jewish friends of the congregation. Free, but reservations required - 484-7700.

Apr. 4 Easter Sunday- 11 am - Solos by soprano Winona Stanback; trumpet by Columbus Williams, Duke Ellington student; Holy Communion.

Riverside Baptist Church

Holy Week at Riverside Baptist Church - 7th and Maine Ave. S.W.

Selections from Hayden's "Creation" will be performed by the choir and soloists at Riverside Baptist Church, Easter Sunday, Apr. 4 at 11 am.

Choir director is Mrs. Betty Buchanan. ■

Fourth Street Group Sponsors CAI

The Fourth Street Neighborhood Group is bringing the Community Association Institute's (CAI) ABCs for Community Leadership workshop to Southwest on Saturday, April 10. It will be conducted in the Harbour Square Community Room, 500 N Street SW, beginning at 9 a.m., with registration opening at 8:30 a.m.. The program will conclude about 3:30 p.m.

The cost, if reservations are made by March 30, is \$50 per student including course materials, a simple lunch and

refreshment breaks. Registrations after March 30 will be \$60 per student. Co-hosts of the workshop are Harbour Square Owners, Inc., and Riverside Condominium, both CAI members.

Checks for \$50 per attendee should be made payable to Riverside Condominium, which is acting as fiduciary for the workshop. The check, along with names of attendees, should be mailed to Riverside, 1425 Fourth St. SW, A-607, Washington, D.C. 20024. ■

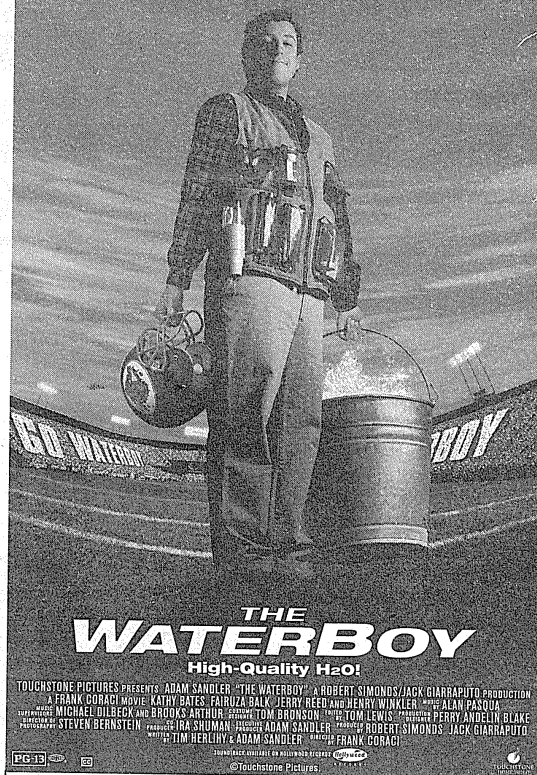
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 4. Library Orientation for School Age (ages 6-12) every Wednesday & Thursday, April 1-30, 1999
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The bottom Photo: **Johnny Patrick**, **Eva Stewart**, **Irene Washington** - community resident, **Carole Early** and **Emma Ward**

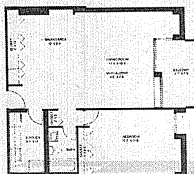
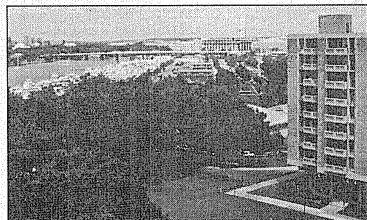


Shrove Tuesday



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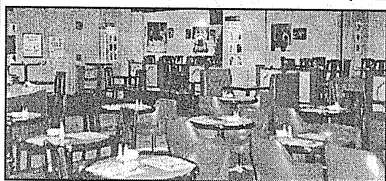
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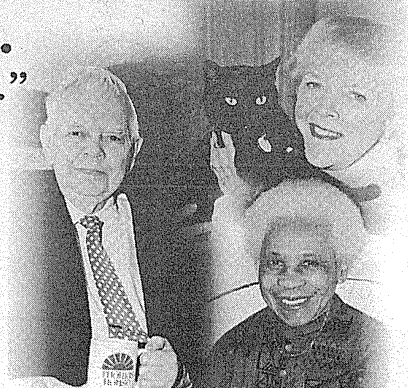
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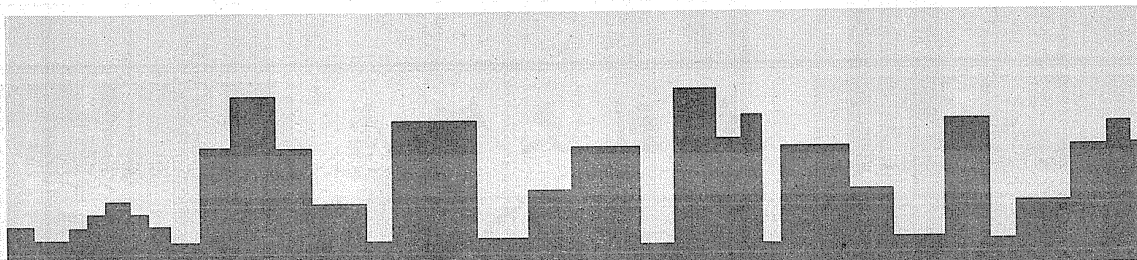
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